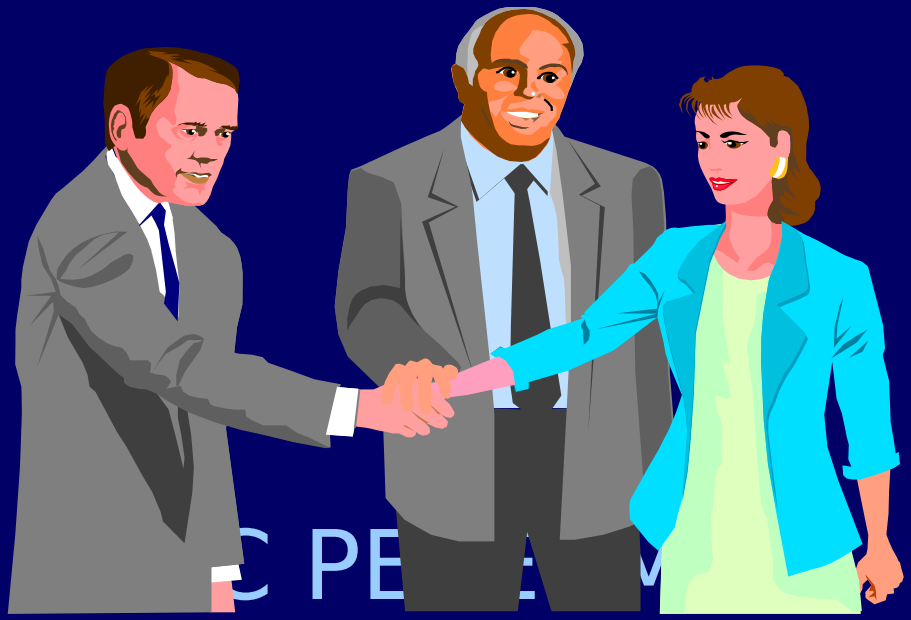
LEGAL, ETHICAL, AND PROFESSIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATING ROOM SPECIALIST



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A. Scope of Practice.

1. Definition.

2. Roles.

a. Scrub.

b. Circulator
(Assistant Circulator).

c. Second Assistant.

d. First Assistant.

3. Exceeding Scope of Practice.

   a. Performance of following Roles could exceed scope:

      (1) Primary circulator.

(2) First assistant.

b. Severe penalties could result if scope exceeded.

* Violations are considered criminal acts.

B. Standards of Practice For OR Specialist.

1. Standard I.
2. Standard II.
3. Standard III.
4. Standard IV.
5. Standard V.
6. Standard VI.

C. Credentialing.

1. Definition.

2. Purposes.

3. Types.
    a. Accreditation.
    b. Licensure.
    c. Certification.

D. Ethical Issues.

1. Ethical behavior.
2. External influences.
3. Internal influences.
4. Key words of ethical behavior. (E.T.H.I.C.S)

5. Bioethical dilemmas in the OR.

    a. Origin.

    b. Refusal to participate.

    c. Potential dilemmas:

(1) Abortion.

(2) Reproductive sterilization.

(3) Quality of life, Right to die, and (DNR) Do not resuscitate orders.

(4) Organ donation and transplantation.

(5) HIV and other infections.

(6) Human experimentation.

E. Legal Terms and Causes of Litigation.

1. Legal terms.

a. Liable.

b. Negligence.

(1) Act of commission or omission.

(2) Civil liability.

c. Tort.

d. Malpractice.

e. Assault and battery.

    1. Assault.

    2. Battery.

f. Litigation.

2. Causes of Litigation in the OR.

   a. Faulty equipment.

   b. Abandonment.

   c. Failure to use safety precautions.

   d. Specimens.

e. Failure to obtain informed consent.

f. Patient misidentification.

g. performance of an incorrect procedure.

h. Documentation errors.

i. Exceeding authority.

j. Invasion of privacy.

k. Assault and battery.

F. Patient's Rights- includes, but not limited to, the right to...

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